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1. The Line Airfield is an important center of Czechoslovak air activity. Stationed at the field now are: a fighter regiment with 52 Soviet Jets; a fighter regiment with 72 to 74 YAK fighters; a reconnaissance company; a transport company with 10 Soviet two-engined transport planes; a training school with 12 to 14 training airplanes. There is also a ground crew battalion of 950 to 970 men.
2. Four km southeast of Prešov in east Slovakia was a small military auxiliary airfield. Northwest of it was a military exercise area which has now been abandoned. The field is being extended in this direction, modernized and rebuilt into an installation for jets. It is east of the Košice-Prešov railroad and road. At present 450 to 460 workmen are employed on the job.
3. At Opava there is a tower called the "old water tower", which has been taken over by the authorities, surrounded by barbed wire and barred to civilians. Two different informants say respectively that it is being made into a radar station and that it is being made into a radio jamming installation.

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